

**Ministerial Conference “Quality and Efficiency in the Asylum Process”, 13-14 September 2010
Programme**

Day 1: 13 September

- 9h00-9h30: Welcome and registration
9h30-11h00: Plenary session
- Introductory speech by Belgian Minister/State Secretary
 - Introductory speech by UNHCR
 - Introductory speech by EU representatives (COM, EP)
 - Introductory speech by ECRE
 - Presentation of the overarching themes of the Conference by rapporteurs
- 11h00-11h20: Coffee break
11h20-13h00: Break-out workshops – 1st session
- 1) Asylum seekers with special needs:
 - *Minors: Alternatives to detention for families with minor children*
 - *Traumatized Asylum Seekers: How to identify?*
 - *Gender: Interview Techniques*
 - 2) Decision making
 - *Asylum Interviews: Interview Reporting*
 - *Training: European Asylum Curriculum*
 - *Country of Origin Information*
 - *Accelerated Procedures:*
 - *Prioritized Procedures*
 - *Multiple Asylum Claims*
 - 3) Intra-European solidarity
 - *Financial Solidarity: European Refugee Fund*
 - *Physical Solidarity: Relocation*
 - *Material Solidarity: Capacity Building*
- 13h00-14h30: Lunch
- 14h30-16h00: Break-out workshops – 2nd session
- Asylum seekers with special needs
 - Decision making
 - Intra-European solidarity
- 16h00-16h30: Coffee break
16h30-17h30: Plenary session
- Roundup of discussions
- 19h30: Gala diner at Autoworld



Day 2: 14 September

9h00-9h30: Welcome and registration

Parallel programme for Ministers and for other participants

MINISTERS	OTHER PARTICIPANTS
9h30-10h15 : Presentation of Workshop Conclusions by rapporteurs	9h30-13h00 : Marketplace for Good Practices (see annex)
10h15-11h15 : Introductory remarks by UNHCR Introductory remarks by COM Tour de table	
11h15-11h30 : Coffee break	
11h30-13h00 : Introductory remarks by EP Introductory remarks by ECRE Tour de table continued Family Photo	
13h00-14h30 : Lunch	13h00-14h30 : Lunch

14h30-16h00 : Plenary session

- Concluding remarks by the Belgian Presidency

16h00-16h30: Press Conference



Annex: Programme Marketplace

ORGANISATION	SUBJECT
1) Asylum Aid	Early Legal Advice
2) Belgium	Information DVD for Asylum Seekers, Comic Book for Unaccompanied Minors
3) Danish Refugee Council	Counseling in Detention Centres, Manifestly Unfounded Procedures
4) Flemish Refugee Action + Coordination and Initiatives for Refugees and Foreigners	TBC
5) Fundamental Rights Agency	Presentation reports: "Access to effective remedies: The asylum seeker's perspective" and "The duty to inform applicants on the asylum procedure: The asylum seeker's perspective"
6) France	Reception of Asylum Seekers
7) GDISC	European Asylum Curriculum
8) GDISC	Temporary Desk on Iraq
9) Germany/Austria/Switzerland	Quality Initiatives for Asylum Procedures
10) Italy	Information to Asylum Seekers
11) Jesuit Refugee Service	Detention, TBC
12) Netherlands	New Asylum Procedure
13) Romania	Best practices towards a comprehensive and efficient asylum procedure
14) UNHCR	Further Developing Asylum Quality (FDQ), Age/ Gender
15) UK/UNHCR	Quality Initiative